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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 1600  
PATENT**

Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 02356.0011-06000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Marc ALIZON et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1648
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Application No. 09/041,975	)	Examiner: Jeffrey S. Parkin
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RCE Filed: April 8, 2003	)	
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For: VARIANT OF LAV VIRUSES	)	<b>MAIL STOP: AF</b>
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Office Action mailed February 17, 2004, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are provided on page 2 of this Amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper, on page 3.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper, and begin on page 12.

**An Appendix to the Amendment** includes the Declaration Pursuant to In Re Hawkins.